



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT District of New Mexico

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NOTICE OF JOB OPPORTUNITY

**** CURRENT FEDERAL JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES ONLY ****

Vacancy Announcement #: 19-LC/OPS-5

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: July 5, 2019

CLOSING DATE: July 19, 2019

POSITION: Temporary* Relief Courtroom Deputy
**Contingent upon annual supplemental funding*

STARTING LEVEL/SALARY: CL 26/Step 1 to CL 26/Step 61
\$45,321 to \$73,637 Annual (*Depending on Qualifications*)

LOCATION: Las Cruces, New Mexico

POSITION OVERVIEW

This position is located in the Las Cruces Clerk's Office for the United States District Court, District of New Mexico, and reports to a Case Management Supervisor. A Courtroom Deputy provides support to a judge and manages the judge's caseload, providing courtroom and other assistance by managing court calendars, attending court proceedings, recording pertinent results for minutes, and drafting judgments.

This position is temporary, contingent upon annual supplemental funding, with the potential to become permanent should the funding become permanent.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CASE MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Maintain accurate control of records for all civil and criminal cases and/or case related actions. Maintain various record keeping and tickler systems for timely filing and submission of pleadings, from filing to disposition, of all cases, including those transferred into and out of our district. Monitor daily docket, electronic mailbox, and postal mail for all pleadings filed in all civil and criminal cases, and initiates immediate action. Ensure pleadings conform with the federal and local rules and notifies parties of noncompliance.

- ◆ Electronically file all pleadings timely and accurately into the Case Management/ Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system to facilitate proper case administration. Review information relating to pending cases, and ensure that all records and materials are available for use by the judge and counsel. Review and monitor speedy trial to ensure compliance. Gather and prepare case files for all hearings and creates status reports on each file for the judge. Communicate to the judge and immediate staff information regarding case status and progress. Reconcile monthly reports of case activity for the court, and report to the appropriate agency.
- ◆ Assign judges to new cases and appoint attorneys as necessary. Coordinate conditions of release review with defendants and any related handling of bonds. Handle returns from Grand Jury, including the creation of new cases, assignment of judges, and preparing required notices, warrants and summons.
- ◆ Provide support to judge handling CVB matters, including calendaring, docket preparation, arraignments, and courtroom proceedings. Also handle inquiries from the public, payments delivered to courthouse and inputting of information into the CVB system. Perform regular reviews of docket information to ensure accuracy and provide statistics of CVB matters as required.
- ◆ Act as a liaison between the judge, the Clerk's Office, and other court agencies. Provide basic information to the public, the bar, and the court.

CALENDARING

- ◆ Maintain an efficient system to ensure identification of cases required to be set on the calendar. Schedule hearings, trials, status conferences, pre-trial conferences, and other court proceedings to maximize efficient usage of court time. Ensure compliance with rules and orders.
- ◆ Coordinate with other court units to ensure appropriate use and availability of resources.
- ◆ Generate and maintain court calendars for all participants. Calendar hearings in the case management system and ensure all participants receive proper notice.

IN-COURT DUTIES

- ◆ Manage court sessions by ensuring all necessary equipment is set up and operational and the courtroom is prepared for proceedings. Facilitate and coordinate telephonic appearances.
- ◆ Open court, call the court calendar, and note appearance of case participants. Administer oaths and maintains exhibits. Troubleshoot equipment failures and assist court participants with equipment usage.
- ◆ Record any action taken by the judge during in-court proceedings, including operation of the electronic recording equipment.
- ◆ Serve as courtroom deputy for visiting judges and other visiting judicial officers as requested.

JURY DUTIES

- ◆ Administer voir dire oath, assist in impaneling jury, and swear in jury panel. Ensure the judge is supplied with appropriate juror documentation necessary for jury selection. Maintain attendance and subsistence records for jurors. Handle all requests and problem matters from jurors. Procure refreshments and meals for jurors. Keep jurors apprised of changes to trial status.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM REQUIRED EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

One year of specialized experience, including at least one year equivalent to work at a CL-25.

Specialized Experience

Progressively responsible clerical or administrative experience requiring the regular and recurring application of clerical procedures that demonstrate the ability to apply a body of rules, regulations, directives, or laws and involve the routine use of specialized terminology and automated software and equipment for word processing, data entry or report generation. Such experience is commonly encountered in law offices, banking firms, educational institutions, etc.

Educational Substitution

Education may not be substituted for specialized experience because operational court support positions require hands-on experience to be credited as specialized experience.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

COURT OPERATIONS

- ◆ Knowledge of federal and local rules and procedures regarding criminal and civil matters.
- ◆ Knowledge and understanding of the policies and procedures of the court, including the individual preferences of a judge. Knowledge of and experience with processes in the Clerk's Office, and how they relate to the courtroom deputy position.
- ◆ Ability to analyze large quantities of information and compile usable data for the judge.
- ◆ May be required to manage the calendar of a judicial officer when another courtroom deputy is absent. Ability to assist with case management functions during a long-term absence, or when a courtroom deputy needs assistance with monitoring case progress and approaching deadlines and preparing routine notices. Ability to step into court and manage the calendar while following the judge's preferences.
- ◆ Ability to be flexible and adaptable in interaction with others. Ability to maintain confidentiality and impartiality. Skill in administrative matters such as file maintenance,

record keeping, and reporting.

- ◆ Ability to take notes and summarize material for minute entries/judgments in a distracting setting.

JUDGMENT AND ETHICS

- ◆ Knowledge of and compliance with the *Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees* and court confidentiality requirements. Ability to consistently demonstrate sound ethics and judgment.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Good skill in communicating and working with judges, counsel, and others in scheduling events and managing courtroom logistics. Ability to communicate effectively (orally and in writing) to individuals and groups to provide information. Ability to communicate with parties and answer procedural questions without providing legal advice. Excellent customer service skills.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION

- ◆ Incumbent must have strong skills in working with audio equipment, evidence display equipment, and sound recording equipment, including the ability to properly locate microphones within the courtroom to pick up voices needed for a complete record. Highly skilled in the use of automated equipment including word processing applications, requisite court computer programs and case management systems.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Qualified applicants must submit a **cover letter, résumé with three references** and an **AO-78 *** (*Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment*) by email to usdcjobs@nmd.uscourts.gov.

PLEASE INCLUDE "TEMPORARY RELIEF COURTROOM DEPUTY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE

Applications **must** be submitted in **ONE PDF** document.

Applications must be received by the deadline. Illegible or incomplete applications may result in loss of consideration for the position. Zip files will not be accepted. Documents that cannot be downloaded by the court cannot be considered.

Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position and are encouraged to apply. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted and must travel at their own expense. The U.S. District Court reserves the right to amend or withdraw any announcement without written notice to applicants. If a subsequent vacancy of the same position becomes available within a reasonable time of the original announcement, the court may select a candidate from the original qualified applicant pool.

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